

Englands Warning:

OR

A friendly ADMONITION to the Rulers thereof, to beware of persecuting the Righteous for yeelding Obedience to the Law of God;

Left by so doing (as they have already begun) they provoke the Most High to Judgement, and to pour out his Wrath upon them untill there be no Remedy, which will be speedily accomplished if they repent not, but still go on in the Execution of their late cruel Edicts.

Isa. 10. 1, 2, 3.

We unto those that decree Unrighteous Decrees, and that write Grievousness, which they have prescribed. To turn aside the needy from Judgement, and to take away the Right from the Poor of my People, that Widows may be their prey, and that they may rap the Fatherless. And what will ye do in the day of Visitation, and in the Distress which shall come from far? to whom will ye flee for help, and where will you leave your glory?



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O England *this to thee is sent,*
That thou maist speedily repent,
And so far to imploy thy Trust
As that thou maist defend the Just

O Foolish Nation, void of Grace,
and Understanding true,
The Cruel Acts that thou hast made,
thou maist have time to rue.
Dost think thy Peace doth stand in this,
to persecute the Poor,
And eke the Meek, that fear the Lord,
and do his Name implore?
O no, *England*, that's not the way
for thee to thrive and stand,
To banish those that Righteous are
out of their Native Land,
Remember what *Sodom* fell,
when *Lot* was gone to *Zoe*,
How that the Lord did them consume
and burnt up all their store.

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Because the Righteous man he did
their wicked deeds reprove,
Therefore they persecuted him,
to force him to remove.

But when that he was gone (you see)
they soon to Ruine came :

Take heed lest that thy portion be
to undergo the same.

Isa. 1. 9 Consider *Isarel* of old,
had not a Remnant been,

How God like *Sodom* them had made,
so heinous was their sin.

And wilt thou cast the Remnant out,
whom he doth highly prize,

Ny. 132 Which are his Habitation pure :
13. how dar'st thou them despise?

Why, they are those that to the Lord
do pray oft for thy Peace,

Numb. 16. 48. And stand oft-times within the Gap
his Fury for to cease

For when thy sins for Vengeance cryes
up to the Mighty God,

That he is ready thee to break
in peices with his Rod,

Then

Then they with humble broken hearts
 before his gracious Throne
 Do spread thy Case before the Lord
 with many a sigh and groan;
 Beseeching for his Mercies sake
 his Judgments to withdraw,
 And not on thee to exercise
 the Rigor of his Law;
 And that thy sins he pardon would,
 and eke thy Life amend,
 That he his Judgments would divert,
 and down his Blessings send.
 And often-times he pardon'd hath
 according to their word,
 And thee deliver'd from Pestilence,
 from Famine and from Sword.
 And wilt thou be so barbarous,
 for all their love and care,
 As not to suffer these thy Friends
 with thee to have a share
 Of those great Blessings which the Land
 enjoyeth for their sake,
 But that with Violence and Rage
 away thou wilt them take

Exo. 30
 11, 12.

Numb.
 14. 19.
 20.

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From their dear Wives and Children small,
and from their Native soil,
Them to expose to Misery,
to Labour and to Toyl,
Within a strange and unknown Land,
from their Relations dear,
And they at home to dye with grief,
for want of succour here?

O horrible Ingratitude!

thou mak'st my heart to bleed
To think of thy inhumane Acts
against a Righteous Seed.

And all because they wait upon
the Ever Blessed Lord,

Mal. 3. And meet together in his Fear,
16. according to his Word.

Heb. 10
25. O England thou hast greatly sinned,
in bending of thy Might

Only against the Innocent,
on them to work thy spight.

And not only against these Lambs
dost thou with force thus strive,
But eke against their Captain strong,
who alwaies sits alive

Luke
10. 16.
1 Thess.
4. 8.

At the Right-hand of God on high, *Heb. 10. 12.*
 who stronger is than all,
 And will in peices break thy Force
 when Vengeance he lets fall:
 For when his glittering Sword is whet, *Deut. 32. 41.*
 his Hand doth Vengeance hold,
 He'l make thee sadly rue the time
 that ere thou wast so bold,
 To let pass such unjust Decrees *Isa. 10. 1.*
 'gainst those that do him fear,
 Who, as the Apple of his Eye, *Zech. 2. 8.*
 they are to him most dear.
 It is the chief and Corner-stone
 at which thy Force is bent,
 Which soon will thee to powder grinde, *Math. 21. 44.*
 except thou dost repent,
 And call back that unrighteous Law,
 by which thou goest about
 For to destroy the Righteous,
 and blot their Remnant out.
 That very Law it is enough
 thy Blessings all to blast,
 And turn thy good things upside down,
 and thee give up at last

To

To reap the fruit of this thy Sin,
 like Pharaoh and his Crew,
Exod. Who for the like Oppression great,
 14.28. the Lord he overthrew.

Therefore England, Repent with speed,
 whilst that thy Day doth last,
 Lest that the Night on thee doth come,
 when Mercy will be past.

For whoso evil doth to those,
 that fear His Holy Name,

Matth. He takes as done unto himself,
 25.45. and will requite the same.

Psal. 7. For with such deeds the Lord he is
 11. full angry ev'ry day,

And if thou turn'st not, then he will
 on thee his Fury lay,

Psal. 7. And will let fly his Arrows on
 12, 13, thy Persecuting pate,

16. And eke his Instruments of Death,
 because thy Soul he'll hate :

For he a perfect hatred hath
 to every one of those

That with malicious hearts do bend
 themselves to be the foes

Of those he doth so highly prize,
that are his Temple pure,

2 Cor. 6
16.

With whom he will for ever dwell
whilst Sun and Moon endure.

Psalms
72. 7

Thou art about a work this day,
at which none did ere thrive

That ever took the same in hand
since there was man alive,

Namely, to persecute the Just,
whom Christ their Captain dear,

Hath Redeemed with his own Blood
to be God's Building here.

1 Cor.

Consider their Foundation's sure,
a Stone that doth not fail,

3. 9
1 Pet.

Against which Rock the gates of Hell,
they never shall prevail.

Matth.
16. 18.

And dost thou think that art but Clay,
to break this Building down,

Which God appointed hath for aye
a Temple of Renown?

The first that did this work begin
thou knowst 'twas bloody Cain,

Who did his Righteous Brother kill,
his purpose to obtain

Gen. 4.
8.

B Because

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2 John. Becaute his Brother's works were good,
3. 22. and his, like thine, were curst;
Therefore he spilt the Righteous Blood,
after which thou dost thirst.
But what to him for this befall
as plainly thou maist read,
Gen. 4. It caus'd the Vengeance of the Lord
12. 16. on him to fall with speed,
It shut him out for evermore
from favour with the Lord
To be a cursed Vagabond,
and this was his Reward.
When Pharaoh King of Egypt did
this woful work begin,
Thou knowst how Vengeance him pursu'd,
so grievous was his sin
Before the Lord; who did behold
th' Oppression of the Just,
Exod. 6 For which he made his Fury smoke
23. and within his Land like dust,
10. 15. And took away his Corn and Wine,
and his Cattel and his Store,
12. 29. And did his First-born likewise kill
for his Oppression sore.

And

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And then at length when nothing would
his furious mind assuage,
But that he would the Meek pursue
with Cruelty and Rage,
Ev'n then the Lord did undertake
their Pride for to allay,
And caus'd both him and all his Host
to perish in one day,
Within the Deep, because they did
his Children dear pursue,
And would not suffer them the Lord
to worship, as was due:
For those that do oppress the Poor,
because they worship God,
He'll make them cry aloud, and roar,
with th' Vengeance of his Rod.
And thus, if that thou tak'st a view
of all that ever wrought
In this most sad and woful work,
thou'lt find they came to nought.
And dost thou think better to speed
than those that went before?
O no, thy Judgment halts apace,
it's even at the door,

Exod.
14. 28.

Except thou endit thy Cruelty,
and thy past deeds relent,
Thou'lt quickly feel his heavy hand
before long time be spent.

Again, consider what is done
by all thy Actings great;

Jer. 3
26, 11

Wherein thou hast imploy'd thy self
the Righteous to defeat;

How many of thy Goals hast thou
fill'd with the Innocent;

And yet there's more abroad than was
when to this work thou went;

Just as it was with Pharaoh's Train,
whom God then overthrew;

Exod. 1.
12,

The more they did oppress the Meek,
the more th' increas'd and grew;

Even so it is with thee this day
in this thy Cruelty;

The more thou seek'st them to destroy,
the more they multiply;

And so they will, when thou hast done
the worst thou canst devise,

Psalms
125. 1.
Hsa. 2. 2.

For they like to Mount Sion are,
their portion is to rise.

And

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And for to grow exceeding great,
a Mountain strong and tall,
Which must at length Dominion have,
and rule the Nations all:
For he that overcomes, saith Christ,
and keeps my words for aye,
The Nations with a Rod shall rule,
and break like Potters clay,
And whilst that they do here abide
under thy Fury great,
They have a Tower strong, into
the which they may retreat,
And there in safety they'll abide
in this their Tower high,
Beyond the reach of all thy Rage
and furious Cruelty:
Where though thou spendest all thy Force,
their Strong hold to obtain,
Or them to drive from their Defence,
thy labour will be vain,
For strong is he that doth their Gates,
and eke their Walls defend,
And wil preserve them from thy spight,
and keep them to the end,

All

All that thou dost by this thy work,
is but to hast thy wo;
But as to those thou persecutest
it will be nothing so.

Jerem.

24. 5.

If thou transportest them away,
whom God hath made his choice,
His Presence with them still will go
their hearts for to rejoyce:

And wheresoever they become,
or what they may endure,

Ezek.

11. 16.

Yet he will be their hiding-place,
and safely them secure;

Deut.

32. 9.

For why? they are his Portion dear,
in whom his soul delights;

Isa. 27.

3.

And he a Guard will be to them
by day and eke by night.

But wo to thee when they are gone
who did thy Peace maintain,

For they to God Will cry aloud,
and sore on thee complain;

And call for Vengeance, which is due
for thy Oppression great:

And doubtless he'l be heard of them
when they do him entreat.

And

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Day

And then thy Miseries will come
like Arrows, swift and strong,
And to the heart they will thee pierce,
because thou didst such wrong
To those that alwayes were thy friends
in time of thy distress,
For whom the Lord he often did
with benefits thee bless.
O how the tears will gush amain
from those in Widowhood!
Which sore against thee will prevail,
like to a mighty Flood,
And overturn thy Blessings all;
and wash away thy Pride,
Like to a City swallow'd up,
when in doth break the Tide.
A strong Indictment will be drawn
by those that wronged are,
And thou arraigned then must be
before a Righteous Bar.
And if thou shalt not guilty plead,
but wilt thy Issue sue,
A thousand Witnesses shall rise
to prove th' Indictment true;

Dem.
27. 19.

The

Job 20.
27.

1. The Heavens thy Iniquity
shall publicly reveal,
And there before the Mighty Judge
the naked truth shall tell,
How that thou hast polluted them
by thy blasphemous breath,
And eke the Righteous hast oppress
with Cruelty and Death.

2. The Earth moreover will declare
the burden that she bore,
By reason of thy Cruelty
and thy Oppression sore:

Isa. 26.
21.

The Righteous Blood she will disclose
that in her bowels lay,
Which she was forced for to drink,
when thou the Just didst slay,
How will she there on thee complain,
that she the Faithful hath

Heb. 11
38.

Been forc'd to hide within her caves
from thy most cruel wrath,
And forc'd her corners to prepare
the Meek to entertain,
Because thou wouldst not suffer them
at home for to remain

With

With their dear *Wives* and little *Babes*
which precious to them are,
Of whom they are enjoyn'd by God
to nourish and take care.

1 Tim.
5. 8.

3. Then will the mournful *Widow* come,
and to the Judge make known,
To her thou hast been mercilefs,
and hast no pity shown;

But that out of her bosome thou
didst force her Husband kind,
Whom God in Mercy had to Her
in holy Wedlock joyn'd.

Math.
19. 6.

A Bill at large she will produce
of all the grief and smart,
That she sustain'd for want of him
that lay so near her heart.

And then for Vengeance will she call
upon thy head likewise,
Because thou wert so cruel bent
such wayes for to devise;

As for to Banish him away
who was her Faithful Friend,
Who nourished both she and hers,
and willing was to spend

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His

His Strength and eke his Substance too
before they want should have,

Or any Misery undergo
that he them from could save.

4. Then up will come the *Fatherless*
like to an Army strong;

And to the Judge they will complain
that they have suffered wrong;

Because thou hast by Cruelty
exil'd their Fathers dear,

Mal. 3. And made their Mothers hearts to bleed
their groanings for to hear;

How that thou hast their ruin wrought,
and eke their good things sack'd

And them to Misery hast brought
by thy Transporting Act.

5. Then they together with the Rest,
aloud to God will Cry

That he to Judgment would make hast,
and let his Arrows fly,

Deut.
32, 23.

And give to thee a just Reward
for all that thou hast wrought;

Because that thou most greedily
the Righteous blood hast sought.

6. Then

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6. Then will thy guilty Conscience rise
as Witness at that Day,
And testifie against thee more
than all the rest can say :
And then thy sins of every sort
before thee will be pen'd,
And thou be forced there to stand
thy Judgment to attend.
Then will it be too late for thee
unto the Rocks to say,
Or to the Hills, Come cover me
from this most Dreadful Day :
For though they were a shelter to
the poor whom thou didst grieve,
Yet will they thee no Favour shew,
nor any whit relieve,
But then the Judge will Thunder forth
thy Sentence in his Ire,
Which will to thee more Dreadful be,
than burning flames of Fire ;
O go ye Cursed will he say,
My Wrath for ever bear ;
Because ye have been so unkind
to these my Brethren dear.

Rom. 2.

15.

Jude 15.

Agg. 6.

15, 16.

Matth.

25, 41.

Matth. 25.

For what thou didst unto the least of these my dearest Friends,
 I take as done unto my Self;
 and now will be Reveng'd
 Upon thy head for evermore,
 I plainly do thee tell
 For thou forthwith away shalt go
 into the Lowest Hell;
 2 Theff. Where separated thou shalt be
 1. 8, 9. from all Joy and Delight;
 Rev. 14 And be Tormented evermore,
 10, 11. by Day and eke by Night.
 And this will be thy Portion sure,
 if that thou beest so stout,
 To Execute those Cruel Laws
 which thou hast late set out.
 O England now therefore Repent,
 that Mercy thou mayst find;
 Gen. 19 Or else like to the Sodomites
 11. thou'lt soon be stricken blind.
 O cease from thy Oppression great,
 else Ruine will thee tend;
 And say that thou hast Warning had
 from one that is thy Friend.

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